



**PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 24, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 24, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.